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Coal Mines near Vorkuta 25X1

1. Coal Mine No. 4 was located about 30 kilometers south-southwest of Vorkuta, west of the rail line from Vorkuta, and separated from the line by the Vorkuta River. (See page 3.)

2. The mines were operated all year around. The coal was loosened by drilling and blasting, hauled to the main or central shaft and unloaded into the bunker, from which it was re-loaded and conveyed to the surface. Each of the three eight-hour shifts produced about 700 tons of coal. The mine had 12 sections (uchastok) and three levels (gorizont), the third one being new. the coal deposits in this mine were very rich.

3. The pay rates for forced laborers varied from 50 to 250 rubles per month, depending upon skills and the fulfillment of norms. 25X1

4. In the summer of 1952, a new mine, No. 4 bis, was opened up immediately to the south of Mine No. 4, with two sections (uchastok).

5. Coal Mine No. 7 is located 25 to 28 kilometers from Vorkuta, direction unknown.

Power Plant and Possible Atomic Plant 25X1

6. Not far from the camp near Coal Mine No. 7, new construction of sizeable scale was underway. Two large plants were being built, called "TES"

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(Cyrillic: TEC /sic: probably TETA7) and UTES (Cyrillic YTEC), respectively. Sometimes they were referred to as Plant No. 1 and Plant No. 2. Some workers described the TES plant as a large power plant and UTES as a military plant, perhaps an atom plant. about 15 new broad-gauge rail-road lines within the installation. The construction area was restricted, encircled by barbed wire, and heavily guarded. Source could provide no other details on the plants, rail lines, or security.

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Forced Labor Camp Near Vorkuta

7. A forced labor camp, called Camp of Mine No. 4, was located two and a half to three kilometers from Coal Mine No. 4. There were about 4,000 forced laborers at this camp, including Russians, Ukrainians, Germans, Koreans, and Chinese.

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All were treated alike, whether foreigners or not barracks approximately 20 x 5 x 3 meters in size. A small hospital was attached to Coal Mine No. 4 (sic; probably attached to the camp), as to all others.

8. The daily regime at the camp consisted of the following:

- a. Arise at 0500.
- b. Toilet and breakfast between 0500 and 0600.
- c. At 0600 start for the mines on foot, under guard by troops wearing red shoulder-boards, red hat-bands and blue hat-covers.
- d. From 0800 to 1600 at work in the mines without interruption.
- e. 1600-1800: Washing and return to barracks.
- f. 1800-2000: Evening meal.
- g. Checking and to bed by 2200.

Breakfast consisted of very poor, thin soup, while the evening meal included more soup plus 50 grams of meat or 30 grams of pork suet. The daily ration of bread was 800 grams, with 800 grams of sugar allowed monthly. Public bath facilities were granted three times a month.

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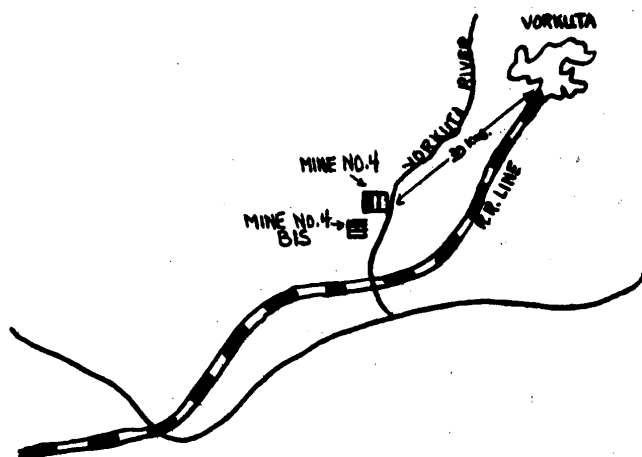
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Sketch Showing Locations of Coal Mines Nos. 4, 4 bis (Vorkuta)



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